BENGALURU, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 www.Bangaloremirror.com 12 Pages PRICE ₹3

Bangalore Mirror

TEMP Max 29 | Min 19 | Humidity 70% Generally cloudy sky and rain Sensex 67,838 | Nifty 20,192 | Gold 58,999 | Silver 72,165 | Dollar 83. | GBP 102.92

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Bangalore Mirror wishes you A HAPPY GANESHA CHATURTHI.

Our offices and press will remain closed on Monday on account of Ganesha Chaturthi. So you'll miss seeing us on **Tuesday, September 19.**

Log on to **www.bangaloremirror.com** or **epaper.timesgroup.com** for news from our sister publications

Lake activists use branches of thorn trees, scrap barbed wire to guard Basavanapura Lake premises after its fence remains unrepaired for two years

A THORNY PROBLEM

Nearly 200 saplings planted at lake already destroyed

Melvin Mathew
c-melvin.mathew
@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

As the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike keeps delaying repair of the fence at Basavanapura Lake, activists are forced to use thorn tree branches and scrap barbed wire to cover the area. Lake activists were forced to take this dire step as due to the inadequate fencing, nearly 200 saplings planted here have already been destroyed by cattle.

Despite repeated requests to BBMP officials, the fence at the Basavanapura Lake in KR Puram has remained broken. Parts of the fencing along the lake boundary was broken and has been unrepaired for the past two years. The situation led to cattle entering the lake premises and destroying the saplings planted by lake activists. They say that nearly 200 saplings have been destroyed in the process. Due to the apathy of BBMP officials, lake activists are now using thorny tree branches and scrap barbed wire to prevent cattle entry.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 8 »

ROAD TOLL

Accidents on the rise on city's roads; Kengeri major black spot

PAGE 5

TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF EVEN
IF OTHERS DOUBT YOUR ABILITIES.

THAT'S RARE. THAT'S PLATINUM.

IN A WORLD WHERE DOUBT CAN CLOUD EVEN THE STRONGEST MINDS, A RARE FEW EMERGE TO STEP OUTSIDE THE ORDINARY AND FORGE THEIR DISTINCT PATHS. MUCH LIKE PLATINUM, A METAL THAT WITHSTANDS TIME'S TEST AND NEVER FADES. MAKING IT RARE, BEYOND BELIEF.

WHEN CHARACTER SHOWS SELF-BELIEF,
IT'S RARE. IT'S PLATINUM.

PRESENTING THE NEW COLLECTION FROM MEN OF PLATINUM.

— MEN OF —
PLATINUM

EXPLORE THE NEW COLLECTION AT A STORE NEAREST TO YOU.

Visit www.menofplatinum.com

LOOK FOR PT950 - THE ASSURANCE OF 95% PURE PLATINUM, A MARK OF AUTHENTICITY AND PURITY.
For an assured buyback, ask for your platinum purity assurance card.

Available at: **Banashankari:** Malabar Gold & Diamonds 8049597916 | Tanishq 9901939996 | **Bannerghatta:** Malabar Gold & Diamonds 41489916 | Tanishq 6366147676 | **Basaveshwaranagar:** Mukesh Jewellers 23408685 | Simha Jewellers 8023488459 | Tanishq 41000016 | **Commercial Street:** C. Krishniah Chetty & Sons 25588731 | C. Krishniah Chetty & CO 9513961869 | Davanam Jewellers 41418181 | Sri Krishna Diamonds 40301111 | **Dickenson Road**: AVR Jewellers 25540007 | Bhima Jewellers 25065075 | Jos Alukkas Jewellery 25552280 | Joyalukkas 25093916 | Kalyan Jewellers 25550533 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 41283916 | ORRA 9341070999 | Sulthan Diamonds & Gold 25596916 | Tanishq 8951386490 | **Forum Falcon city Mall:** Jos Alukkas Jewellery 6361340525 | Joyalukkas 69656111 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 7994435767 | ORRA 8828338250 | **Forum Koramangala Mall:** ORRA 7710082442 | **Forum Shanti Niketan Mall:** ORRA 7710082321 | Tanishq 9606617771 | **HBR Layout:** Bhima Jewellers 25447711 | **HSR Layout:** Malabar Gold & Diamonds 29913916 | Neelkanth Jewellers 46963800 | Tanishq 42050252 | Sri Ganesh Diamonds and Jewellery 9980022464 | **J.P. Nagar:** Abaran 29908600 | **Jayanagar:** AVR Jewellers 26547007 | Bhima Jewellers 24441200, 9148965922 | GRT Jewellers 22450777 | Jos Alukkas Jewellery 32942120 | Josco Jewellers 41666842 | Joyalukkas 26634448 | Kalyan Jewellers 26647733 | Khazana Jewellery 41539900 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 41526916 | ORRA 9341903803 | Prince Jewellery 42649999 | Reliance Jewels 41681803 | Sulthan Diamonds & Gold 26534916 | Tanishq 9886333665 | **KR Puram:** GRT Jewellers 29901515 | Jos Alukkas 9020011916 | Tanishq 69848700 | **Kammanahalli:** Bhima Jewellers 25447711 | GRT Jewellers 25461515 | Jos Alukkas 9605788759 | Joyalukkas 25039900 | Kalyan Jewellers 8792851933 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 25421916 | Tanishq 25444444 | **Kanakapura:** Tanishq 41177916 | **Koramangala:** Bhima Jewellers 25537762 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 25522916 | ORRA 9731604260 | Reliance Jewels 41244551 | Senco Gold & Diamonds 41141197 | Tanishq 45462222 | **M G Road:** Abaran 25328600 | Joyalukkas 25589916 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 69129916 | Navrathan Jewellers 25586376 | **Malleswaram:** Bhima Jewellers 49767711 | C. Krishniah Chetty Jewellers 41001869 | GRT Jewellers 22921515 | Joyalukkas 23466916 | Kalyan Jewellers 23360533 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 41535916 | Orra 9987764979 | Tanishq 9164326100 | **Marathahalli:** Bhima Jewellers 28546611 | GRT Jewellers 25401515 | Joyalukkas 25073800 | Kalyan Jewellers 46837079 | Khazana Jewellery 41539900 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 48514916 | Tanishq 9606617775 | **Phoenix Market City:** Joyalukkas 49626678 | Kalyan Jewellers 49626533 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 32325916 | ORRA 9686166916 | Senco Gold & Diamonds 67266340 | Tanishq 67266400 | **Prestige Forum Shantiniketan:** Tanishq 9606617771 | **RR Nagar:** GRT Jewellers 23341515 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 8714552916 | Tanishq 47574666 | **Rajaji Nagar:** Abaran 23598600 | Bhima Jewellers 23527712 | Jos Alukkas Jewellery 32956916 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 49227916 | Sri Ganesh Diamonds and Jewellery 23488459 | Navrathan Jewellers 23019400 | **Richmond Road:** Neelkanth Jewellers 22278846 | Nikhaar 22103266 | **Sadhasivanagar:** Sri Ganesh Diamonds and Jewellery 23362355 | **Yelahanka:** GRT Jewellers 29908415 | Malabar Gold & Diamonds 29918916 | Tanishq 43364336 | **Vijayanagar:** Praveen Jewels 40924995 | Tanishq 88693363 | **Malkala Market:** Merlecha Diamonds 9845047251

3 THINGS TO DO

01 Art extravaganza

Watch out for the 2–day Art Exhibition & Soiree: Art for Your Living Space. Discover inspiring artwork, engage in enlightening conversations, and delight in artistic adventures. Immerse in a thoughtfully curated showcase featuring a mesmerizing range of creative expressions.
Where: Verde Canvas Art Gallery
When: September 18 – October 2

02 Creative pottery

Unleash your creativity at the Pottery Workshop. Join to learn the forgiving and therapeutic art form that connects you with your creativity and the universe. Embrace the forgiving nature of clay, and let it guide you on a creative and transformative journey. **Where: Lahe Lahe**
When: September 19

03 Market marvel

Experience the grandeur of India's largest flea market, Sunday Soul Sante, in the vibrant city of Bangalore! Immerse yourself in celebrating contemporary arts and crafts, showcasing an extensive array of meticulously handcrafted products by talented artists and designers.
Where: Jayamahal Palace
When: September 24, 10 am

Safety first: Guidelines for Ganesha festival

Police ask organisers for identification of members for safe Ganesha procession

Sridhar Vivan
sridhar.vivan
@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @sridharvMirror

The city is witnessing a revival of Ganeshotsav festivities, approaching pre-COVID levels. Comprehensive guidelines issued by police ensure a safe celebration. Organisers must provide identifying gear like ID cards, caps, badges, or t-shirts for efficient management amidst large gatherings.

A senior police official stated, "Thousands of organisers celebrate public Ganeshotsav in Bengaluru. General parts were significantly affected during the COVID-19 years due to various restrictions. However, since 2022, public functions have been on the rise, and this year, we are witnessing a surge in functions based on the volume of permission requests. Moreover, unlike other cities, Bengaluru's public functions are not limited to the first 11 days when the festival begins. In Bengaluru, these functions typically extend for three days, especially on weekends, and can last for one or two months, even after Vinayaka Chaturthi. Hence, we have compiled a list of guidelines, as many processions pass through main streets, and we aim to ensure that these processions remain incident-free."

The police guidelines state, "Obtain permission from the single-window agency appointed by the BBMP before installing Ganesha idols in public places. Install the idols without causing any disruptions to the public or vehicular traffic. If shamianas are erected for the Ganeshotsav, ensure that they are sturdy. Bunting, banners, and plaque boards can be used inside the shamianas. However, if these materials are to be installed outside the canopy, obtain separate permissions from the BBMP.

Do not install Ganesha idols in disputed areas without proper permission from the owner of the location and the single-window agency. Ensure responsible workers from the organising committee are present 24/7 at the installation site to prevent untoward incidents. Provide fire extinguishing materials at the installation site, such as buckets filled with sand or water. Do not store cooking wood, firewood, or kerosene oil near the Ganesha idol.

An electrician must be available at the installation site to manage electrical systems and handle incidents like short circuits. Organise adequate arrival and departure arrangements for the public, set up crowd control barricades, recruit volunteers, and arrange for private security in heavily populated areas. Ensure that no untoward incidents occur during the idol installation and procession.

Report any harassment or incidents involving girls during the events to the police or the unified emergency response telephone number 112. Use loudspeakers only between 11 am and 10 pm in compliance with State Government circulars and court orders to avoid disturbing senior citizens, children, patients, and others. For public view, provide board officials' names, addresses, and phone numbers near the shamiana. Do not use laser projections or burst firecrackers during processions and near places of worship. There should be no forceful collection of money from the public, and any such complaints will be punished. Organisers are requested to issue identity cards, badges, T-shirts, or caps to volunteers during the immersion procession."

Police guidelines emphasise safety measures as many organisers gear up for responsible celebrations post- COVID

DIY Ganesha trend

This time, there has been an increasing trend of DIY Ganesha idols where the organisers hold clay Ganesha workshops. Recently, the HSR Citizen Forum organised a Clay Ganesha workshop. An organiser said, "The main objectives being the prevention of water body pollution associated with the use of POP Ganesha idols, the excitement of crafting our idols with family members, and the opportunity to learn the nuances of working with pliable clay."

Growing momentum for eco-friendly idols

Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

In a heartening display of environmental consciousness, social activists and environmentalists are championing the cause of eco-friendly Ganesha idols across various city locations. Despite their hectic schedules, notable Sandalwood actresses have joined hands with these efforts, actively participating in awareness programs to educate the public about the detrimental effects of Plaster of Paris (PoP) Ganesha idols on the environment. National award-winning actress Tara Anuradha and Sandalwood star Shwetha Srivatsav recently graced an event organised in Cox Town on Sunday to distribute eco-friendly Ganesha idols to pourakarmikas and Doddakunte residents, marking a significant step toward a greener and more sustainable celebration.

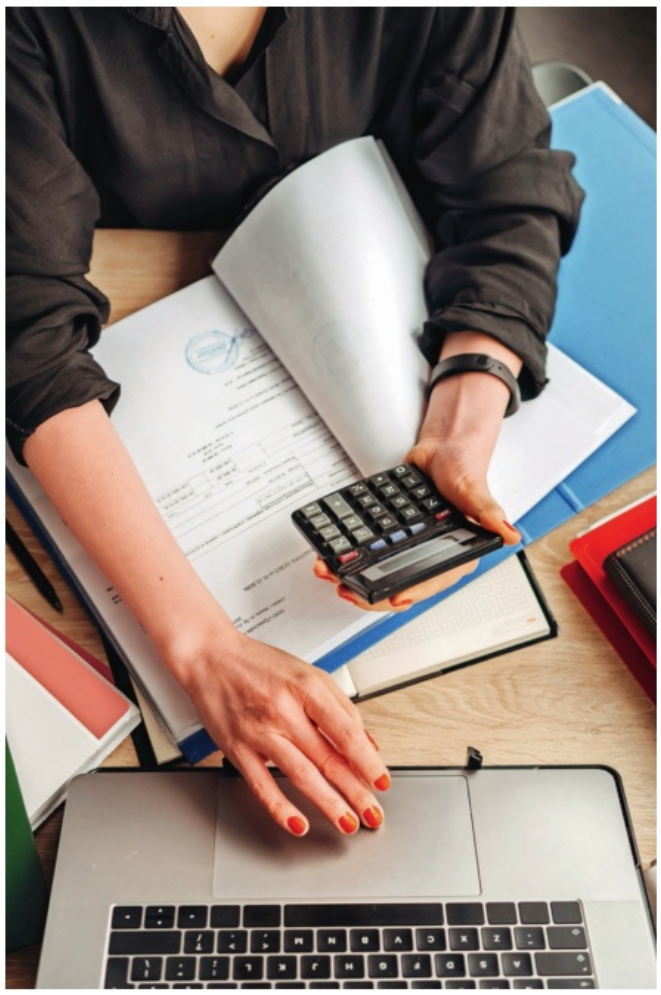
"I am thrilled to participate in this function. I want to appreciate and congratulate NS Ravi for organising the distribution of eco-friendly Ganesha idols. I want to appeal to the public not to use Ganesha idols made of Plaster of Paris (PoP) as such idols pollute water bodies. I want people to use eco-friendly Ganesha idols for worshipping and immersing in water bodies," said Tara.

Emphasising the need to use eco-friendly Ganesha idols, Shwetha said, "It is essential to use eco-friendly Ganesha idols. I am delighted to attend this function along with Tara ma'am. I appeal to all to use eco-friendly Ganesha idols. We have to celebrate our festivals so they do not adversely impact the environment. I wish all the best to the organisers of this function."

Speaking on the occasion, NS Ravi, president of Bharathinagar Residents' Forum, has said that around 100 eco-friendly Ganesha idols made on the spot were distributed among pourakarmikas and residents. "I have been distributing eco-friendly Ganesha idols for the last 20 years. I never encourage people to use Ganesha idols painted in different colours and PoP Ganesha idols," said Ravi. On Saturday, a few lake activists organised a workshop on eco-friendly Ganesha idols at Seegehalli Lake for around 200 people.

Tara Anuradha and Shwetha Srivastav distributing eco-friendly Ganesha idols at a function held on Sunday at Cox Town

Not just to save tax: Some things to know before you buy a term insurance plan



To err is human, but making a financial mistake can come back to bite you when you least expect it. One such financial mistake made by people is that in their hurry to make last minute tax-saving investments, they miscalculate their insurance needs. People end up buying a life insurance policy just to avail the tax benefit that premium payments can fetch them, without considering their insurance needs.

Premiums paid towards a term insurance plan qualify for a tax benefit under section 80C of the Income- tax Act, 1961. You can claim a deduction up to Rs 1.5 lakh a financial year for the premium paid for yourself, your spouse, and your children.

But the tax benefit should not be the only factor to consider while buying an insurance plan. A term insurance plan acts as an income replacement tool for a family when the primary earner dies.

All life insurance companies have term insurance plans. As term insurance plans do not have any maturity or surrender value, a buyer would more likely go with the plan that offers the lowest premium, at constant parameters such as age, term and sum assured.

And, as the premium of a term insurance plan is low compared to endowments or unit-linked insurance plans (Ulips), one may get influenced by its pricing and base the buying decision solely on the premium of the plan. However, while looking around for a term insurance plan, premium should be the last thing to look at. If the term insurance plan has been bought with an adequate sum assured (life cover) and for the right tenure, it will help the surviving family members maintain same standard of living when the breadwinner dies.

So, to save on tax or pay a low premium, don't just buy any term plan without reading the terms and conditions. Here are a few important things one should consider while picking a term plan.

The importance of having a term insurance plan is such that even financial planners suggest taking a life cover even before starting to invest for long-term goals

1. When to buy

It's a misconception that only married people need insurance. In fact, life insurance is a necessity for anyone who has financial dependants. So, even unmarried children where parents are dependent on them need to have adequate life cover. In addition to the basic life insurance amount, one needs to add cover as and when liabilities increase. Add cover when there is new addition to the family or when a big-ticket loan such as home loan is taken.

2. How much you need

This is one of the most important factors in the buying process. For arriving at a more realistic figure, use any of the tools available on the insurer's website or on the Internet to arrive at how much cover you need to take. Most such tools base the calculations on the 'income' that one earns rather than on the 'expenses', and due to this figures will vary. As a thumb rule, you could buy a life cover equal to at least 10 times your annual income.

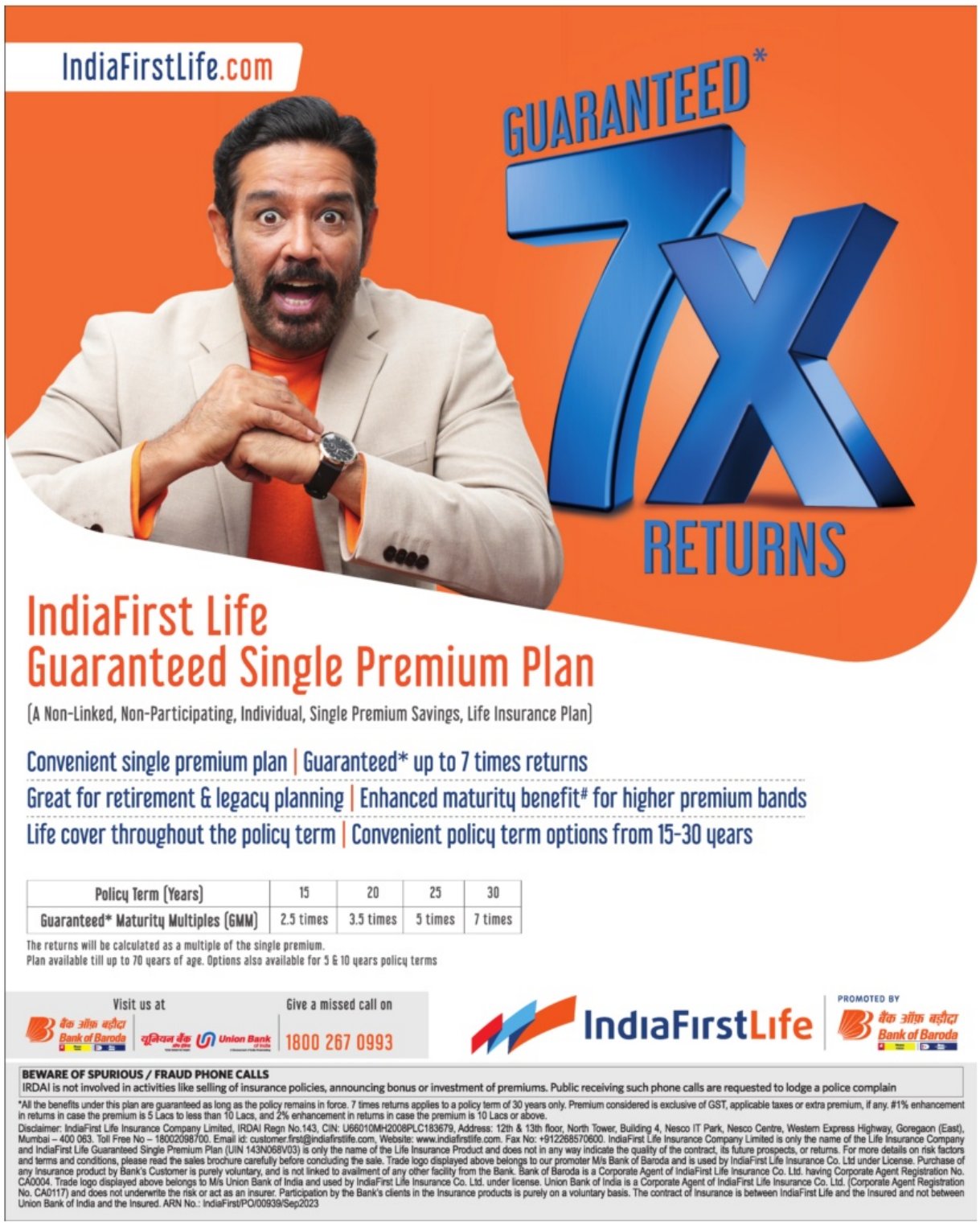
3. Will one plan be sufficient?

Ideally, one single term insurance plan should be enough. However, your insurance needs are not constant all throughout your life. The requirement starts increasing once you get married, have kids and start taking loans. But once the goals such as children education, marriage are met, the requirement starts tapering.

Typically, by age 60 or on retirement, most individuals are over with their financial obligations.

There are many who are unsure about their future liabilities or haven't planned them yet. One may, therefore, split the total amount of cover into one or more policies. As and when one's liabilities are over, one may drop one plan by stopping to pay its premium. Buying a separate cover for liabilities, such as a home loan, helps and can be terminated when the loan is over.

Make sure your plans don't run long because post retirement, when earnings stop and you don't have any financial liabilities left to achieve, you may still have to keep paying premiums. As a fair practice, you should disclose the details of existing plans while buying a new policy from another insurer. **ET Online**


IndiaFirstLife.com
GUARANTEED*
7X
RETURNS
IndiaFirst Life
Guaranteed Single Premium Plan
(A Non-Linked, Non-Participating, Individual, Single Premium Savings, Life Insurance Plan)
Convenient single premium plan | Guaranteed* up to 7 times returns
Great for retirement & legacy planning | Enhanced maturity benefit# for higher premium bands
Life cover throughout the policy term | Convenient policy term options from 15-30 years
Policy Term (Years) 15 20 25 30
Guaranteed* Maturity Multiples (GMM) 2.5 times 3.5 times 5 times 7 times
The returns will be calculated as a multiple of the single premium.
Plan available till up to 70 years of age. Options also available for 5 & 10 years policy terms
Visit us at
Bank of Baroda
Union Bank
Give a missed call on
1800 267 0993
IndiaFirstLife
PROMOTED BY
Bank of Baroda
BEWARE OF SPURIOUS / FRAUD PHONE CALLS
IRDAI is not involved in activities like selling of insurance policies, announcing bonus or investment of premiums. Public receiving such phone calls are requested to lodge a police complain
*All the benefits under this plan are guaranteed as long as the policy remains in force. 7 times returns applies to a policy term of 30 years only. Premium considered is exclusive of GST, applicable taxes or extra premium, if any. #1% enhancement in returns in case the premium is 5 Lacs to less than 10 Lacs, and 2% enhancement in returns in case the premium is 10 Lacs or above.
Disclaimer: IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited, IRDAI Regn No.143, CIN: U66010MH2008PLC183679, Address: 12th & 13th floor, North Tower, Building 4, Nesco IT Park, Nesco Centre, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai – 400 063. Toll Free No – 18002098700. Email id: customer.first@indiafirstlife.com, Website: www.indiafirstlife.com. Fax No: +912268570600. IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited is only the name of the Life Insurance Company and IndiaFirst Life Guaranteed Single Premium Plan (UIN 143N068V03) is only the name of the Life Insurance Product and does not in any way indicate the quality of the contract, its future prospects, or returns. For more details on risk factors and terms and conditions, please read the sales brochure carefully before concluding the sale. Trade logo displayed above belongs to our promoter M/s Bank of Baroda and is used by IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd under License. Purchase of any insurance product by Bank's Customer is purely voluntary, and is not linked to availment of any other facility from the Bank. Bank of Baroda is a Corporate Agent of IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd. having Corporate Agent Registration No. CA0004. Trade logo displayed above belongs to M/s Union Bank of India and used by IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd. under license. Union Bank of India is a Corporate Agent of IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (Corporate Agent Registration No. CA0117) and does not underwrite the risk or act as an insurer. Participation by the Bank's clients in the Insurance products is purely on a voluntary basis. The contract of insurance is between IndiaFirst Life and the Insured and not between Union Bank of India and the Insured. ARN No.: IndiaFirst/PO/00939/Sep2023

Swachh Bharat Diwas: Nationwide cleanup drive

BBMP takes lead in massive cleanup drives across Bengaluru

| Iffath Fathima
Iffath.Fathima@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Swachhata Pakhwada, will focus on Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight long cleanliness drives that should be carried out in places in the cities which have high footfall, like tourist areas or historical monuments

In preparation for Swachh Bharat Diwas, a homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his Jayanti celebrated on October 2, as a prelude to Swachh Bharat Diwas, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has initiated the annual Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) fortnight programme from September 15 to October 2. This initiative, a part of the Jan Andolan for Swachhata, encourages active participation from all states. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has also taken up this initiative, implementing it in numerous locations across the city.

The programme, called the Swachhata Pakhwada, will focus on Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight long cleanliness drives that should be carried out in places in the cities which have high footfall, such as tourist areas, marketplaces, national parks, historical monuments, and beaches. Another initiative would include the Indian Swachhata League to include youth in all the swachhata activities. Thirdly, Safai Suraksha Shivir saturates all sanitation workers under various central government schemes and health checkups.

BBMP has started conducting various cleanliness drives with volunteers, NGO groups, school or college students, pourakarmikas, and BBMP marshals. Some of the places that were covered are Bannerghatta National Park, Ramakrishna Mutt, and National College, which was cleaned up on Saturday. On Sunday, the drive was carried out across East, West, South, Yelhanka and Bommanahalli zones.

Over 15 spots were taken up as part of the clean-up drives in places like Cubbon Park, Gandhi Bazaar, Lalbagh, Yediyur Lake, Kemp Fort Mall, ISKON temple, Allalasandar Lake, Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, 29 main road BTM layout, Ragi Gudda Temple, near Rachenahalli in Thanisandra, Royal Meenakshi Mall and other malls where awareness drives were carried out not to use single-use plastic.

The various activities should include the removal of garbage from all important spaces, clearing of legacy waste, repairing, painting, cleaning, and branding of all sanitation assets such as litter bins, public toilets, garbage points, waste vehicles, and Material Recovery Facilities, saturating markets, public spaces, and tourist spots with SBM wall paintings and dustbins, organising swachhata quizzes, plantation drives, swachhata pledges and swachhata runs.

> **“Our mission is to create a cleaner and more sustainable environment, and it starts with every citizen’s contribution**
> – Chitra, Asistant Executive Engineer, Solid Waste Management

Chitra, AEE from SWM in BBMP, said, “Our mission is to create a cleaner and more sustainable environment, and it starts with every citizen’s contribution. Together, we can make a significant impact by reducing single-use disposables, raising awareness about responsible waste disposal and keeping clean. The drive will be carried out every day, and all the public places like markets, tourist spots, and parks will be covered as part of the cleanliness drive. “

Raj and a team from the Indian Ploggers army joined the initiative with BBMP marshals and the BBMP solid waste management (SWM) to carry out a clean-up drive at Gandhi Bazar. As Gandhi Bazar sees a lot of crowds, especially on weekends, and with many vendors having their carts roadside selling plastic bags, the idea was to create awareness at Gandhi Bazar and make the locality clean.

Raj said, “Predominantly single-use disposables like paper cups, paper plates, tetra packs, and liquor bottles were collected during the clean-up drive. Considerable awareness is needed across the nation about plastic straws. We saw tender coconut-selling vendors continuing to use straws. Paper straws are equally harmful and, at the same time, costlier too.

So, the vendors continue to give plastic straws. We carried out the No Straw Nariyal Challenge to create awareness. The best way is to have it without a straw or bring your cup or bottle. After the clean-up initiative, we even got an e-certificate of appreciation for Swachhata Hi Seva.”

Fresh bid for Freedom Park parking tender

| Melvin Mathew
c-melvin.mathew@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMirror

The opening of multi-level parking facility at Freedom Park has been delayed for 2 years

After several delays and tender failures, BBMP will re-call the Freedom Park parking facility tender on September 20th. Palike plans to make the project more lucrative for contractors by securing a certificate to ban parking in the vicinity. BBMP’s grand plans to open the multi-level parking facility at Freedom Park have failed many times, and the opening has been delayed for the past two years. Even though work for the facility was completed, Palike has yet to find bidders to run and maintain the facility. Palike’s Road and Infrastructure department recently decided to take over the work, but now they are making a U-turn.

BBMP will now get a certificate to ban parking in the area to make the parking facility appear more lucrative for bidders. The measure is expected to funnel all the parked vehicles within the area to the facility. “There is no delay in the project. We called the tender for the project five times, but it has not been favourable. Now, we have asked the Traffic Police department to issue a certificate to ban parking in the nearby areas. Based on that, we will prepare a new tender document mentioning the parking-free zones. Anyone parking in the area will have to use the facility. We will re-call the tenders on September 20th,” said a senior BBMP official.

Previously, the Palike had said that the facility is 99.9 per cent complete and will be opened to the public by July 1st. It also stated that Palike was planning to ban parking in a 1-2 sq km radius of the facility. Once operational, the facility will be a game changer in decongesting the area. The Freedom Park facility draws countless protestors to the area by being the only designated zone for protests in Bengaluru. Currently, all the vehicles by the protestors are parked on roadsides, causing heavy traffic jams in the nearby areas.

The parking facility has the capacity to tackle 550 four-wheelers and 450 two-wheelers with three floored structures for this purpose. Initially, the facility was supposed to be opened in 2017 and completed in 2021. But even two years after completion, the opening lingers on.

whatsapp MIRROR 9591233247

Problems in your area?
Send us a picture along with specific details. And please, no phone calls or spamming

Unsafe footpath

New BEL Road

The footpath opposite SBI on New BEL Road has been deplorable for the past eight months, making it nearly impossible to walk on.

Parking violation

Vijayanagar

In Vijaynagar, near BGS Ground, a hospital has taken over both sides of the road for parking due to the absence of proper parking signage.

Road neglect

Shankarapuram

Shankarapuram 1st Cross Road appears to be a ‘half-done job.’ One side of the road has been left incomplete for an extended period. Urgent attention and completion are required.

Reading is injurious to flora & fauna?

Book-lovers shocked as Horticulture Dept denies nod to group to gather and read at Lalbagh

Bangalore Mirror Bureau
mybangaloremirror
@timesgroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMirror

The Horticulture Department denying permission for group reading at Lalbagh on Sundays has brewed a fresh controversy on park rules.

Lalbagh Reads, a volunteer-led branch of Cubbon Reads, a reading community in the city, made a recent announcement on their Instagram page, explaining that they will not be able to gather to silently read in their usual spot anymore. "The Deputy Director of the Horticulture Department at Lalbagh has instructed us to immediately halt our initiative as the Department does not permit it. This direction to us is based on a complaint they received from another citizen who visited Lalbagh last Sunday, found our group sitting on the grass and reading, and believed that our presence there as a group tampers with the growth of natural fauna and flora," the statement read.

The community has said that the regulation has saddened them as it has not been mentioned anywhere across the premises of the garden. They noted that individuals can still gather in the park, find a spot anywhere and read by themselves, albeit without a mat.

Lalbagh is a favourite with book-lovers who gather here on Sunday

"In accordance with this, we would go to Lalbagh on Sundays during the usual hours, and sit in a vacant spot to read by ourselves. The benefits of reading in a sunny garden outdoors benefits us all emotionally and mentally, and we as individuals and citizens would want to continue to do that," the group said. The community further said that it would be renaming itself to South B'luru reads as they were notified that using the name of Lalbagh in association with their community was against the rules.

The move has caused outrage among book lovers and other activists in the city.

Leo Saldanha, a prominent environmental activist in the city, took to Twitter (now X) and said, "Is it a crime to read books collectively in Lalbagh, or Cubbon Park? The rich and middle classes may find their little spots at home or in clubs to read quietly. What about the others? What about the young who should spend more time reading, and preferably in open spaces?" He further noted that park managers often resort to banning such behaviour to prevent lawn damage. "But having lawns is the problem. It is water and chemical intensive, and uses foreign grasses which are expensive to maintain as well. Besides, it prevents people from using the park space which is so designed that you can only walk on the concretised path, only that," he said.

In April, revised rules for public conduct in Cubbon Park had also received much slack for being restrictive as they included prohibition on eating, conducting theater performances, "obscene" behaviour by couples or even playing games.

Thieves at boutique caught in the act... on camera

The video of three burqa-clad women on CCTV camera robbing from a store in Bengaluru has been going viral. The video of this incident shared by the store owner's grandfather is currently making the rounds on social media. The footage shows the women enter the boutique and steal its merchandise.

The incident allegedly took place within the limits of RT Nagar Police Station at the boutique close to the Albaik restaurant. According to the store owner's grandfather, the boutique is run by his granddaughter, a college student.

He claimed that four days ago, a group of three ladies came into his granddaughter's store and took clothing worth close to Rs 20,000. In the footage, the women can be seen posing as customers even as they shoplifted expensive items from the establishment and tucked them into their burqas. The store's CCTV cameras captured the whole scene.

Deadly roads of city are taking a toll

3,228 accidents on city's roads so far, Kengeri turning out to be black spot

Ahna Prakash
c-ahna.prakash
@timegroup.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

A 23-year-old is battling for her life in a hospital after being hit by a tractor in Kengeri on Thursday . A case was registered in Kengeri police station, but the accused is absconding.

Due to the intensity of the accident, the victim Anisha suffered multiple injuries on her head, spine, and other internal organs that have been damaged severely.

Her relative told BM that the hospital bills for the victim would come up to Rs 20 lakh. "We are somehow managing and are relying on fundraising to pay the hospital bills," he said.

According to traffic police data, Kengeri has recorded one of the highest number of accidents in the city in 2023. In just eight months, a total of 156 cases of road accidents have been reported in the area in which 37 people were killed and 134 were injured.

Kengeri has witnessed 156 accidents so far this year

But the rising number of accidents aren't just limited to Kengeri, as according to the traffic police, 3,228 accidents have occurred in Bengaluru in 2023.

The data highlights that as of August, 560 people were killed in the city in road accidents and 2,773 were injured.

The overall state data is also shocking as Karnataka records approximately 25 fatal accidents every day.

According to the data by Karnataka state police, the state recorded 6,658 fatal motor vehicle accidents in this year.

The maximum number of accidents were reported on highways, where national highways recorded 2,257 fatal and 5,976 non-fatal accidents and state highways recorded 1,857 fatal and 4,313 non-fatal accidents. As per the analysis by the police department, around 37% of the people in the state are killed on National Highways.

According to a report by Alok Kumar, additional director general of police, traffic, and road safety, since January the Bengaluru- Mysuru Expressway recorded 296 accidents and 132 deaths.

What it means to be an achiever

Willpower is a prerequisite for success. There's a misconception that only achievements in the field of science are noteworthy. That's incorrect.

Success can be found in any domain, be it art, literature, or culture. Karnataka, a region steeped in arts and culture, is nurturing and thriving in these aspects. Perseverance holds great importance across all areas of accomplishment. Our achievements can serve as an inspiration to others."

-MB Patil, Minister

There is no end to achievement and service in life. As achievement and service progress, our life becomes increasingly beautiful. Our potential for growth is substantial, but patience is a crucial virtue for success. We can only reach our goals when we persistently work towards them. In life, the possibilities for achievement and service are boundless. As we continue to achieve and serve, our lives progressively become more beautiful. Alongside the achievers, we must recognise the vital role played by their family members. Without the support and encouragement of their families, individuals on the path to greatness would not have reached their destination."

-Ganesh, Actor

Aspirants must overcome all obstacles, both mental and physical, emerging as resilient individuals through diligent effort. The taste of victory earned through unyielding dedication is beyond words. Hence, success requires both patience and confidence. Kudos to Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka for recognising and honouring achievers. Both the papers have demonstrated their commitment to society."

-Rizwan Arshad MLA, Shivajinagar

"Our newspaper's mission extends beyond mere news reporting. In tandem with this objective, we strive to identify exceptional individuals within our society, including progressive individuals and extend our congratulations to them. Our ultimate aim is to serve as a source of inspiration for more individuals to achieve greatness."

-Deepak Saluja, CEO of Bangalore Mirror & Vijay Karnataka.

"Vijay Karnataka has been consistently on the job of recognising and felicitating achievers through various successful programmes like Super Star Farmer and Hainu-Honnu etc. I wish these awardees become guiding lights and motivators for others"

-Sudarshan Channangihalli Editor, Vijay Karnataka

Inspiring individuals encourage others too to embark on journeys with unwavering confidence to create positive change

Bengaluru's outstanding achievers shine bright at prestigious awards gala

In our society, numerous individuals nurture dreams, yet it is those who overcome every obstacle on their path to realising these aspirations that truly shine as achievers. These exceptional individuals serve as beacons of inspiration, illuminating the way for others. Recognising the outstanding accomplishments of these individuals, Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror proudly honoured them with the prestigious 'Achievers of Bengaluru' award. This year, 28 remarkable achievers hailing from Bengaluru city were bestowed with this coveted recognition.

The event saw the esteemed presence of Minister for Commerce & Industries, Infrastructure, MB Patil, the renowned film actor 'Golden Star' Ganesh, and Shivajinagar MLA, Rizwan Arshad, who graced the occasion as chief guests. The awardees represent a diverse array of fields, encompassing education, medical services, social activism, and the real estate industry, among others. Throughout the award ceremony, the distinguished guests shared inspiring words, highlighting a profound insight: while many individuals often dwell on the reasons for their failures, true achievers pay less heed to the justifications for their victories. They encouraged everyone not to readily embrace defeat without a valid reason, just as they do not readily embrace victory without merit. Drawing from the successes of others, they urged individuals to embark on their journeys with unwavering confidence, underscoring that self-assurance nurtures creativity and resilience when confronted with life's formidable challenges. The event was graced by the presence of Deepak Saluja, the CEO of Vijaya Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, as well as Sudarshan Channangihalli, the editor of Vijay Karnataka.

From left: The event saw the esteemed presence of Sudarshan Channangihalli, the editor of Vijay Karnataka, Deepak Saluja, the CEO of Vijaya Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, MB Patil, Minister for Commerce & Industries, Infrastructure, Golden Star Ganesh, renowned film actor and Rizwan Arshad, Shivajinagar MLA

"I believe that receiving this award, not as the chairman of a prestigious institution but as a teacher, would be more meaningful. My hope is that more and more teachers achieve and are honored with this prestigious award in the future."
– Arjun Ravi, Chairman of VES Model Convent & Vidyatva Learning Centre

"I take great pride in having my work acknowledged by VK and BM. I sincerely wish that both newspapers continue to recognize achievers. My family and I are overjoyed to receive this special award."
– Chandrappa, Founder and Director of Mother Earth Farm Land

"Many are losing faith in the cooperative sector, and therefore, it is crucial for us to remain truthful in our work and dealings with customers. It is a matter of immense pride and happiness to be chosen for this prestigious award in the cooperative sector."
– BV Dwarakanath, Founder-Chairman of Sree Charan Souharda Cooperative Bank Ltd

"VK and BM are doing remarkable work by acknowledging unsung heroes. I am delighted that my work in the field of architecture has been recognized, and I extend my gratitude to VK and BM for this acknowledgment."
– Chethan N, Proprietor of Kamala Arcs

"I extend my heartfelt thanks to VK and BM for recognizing my work in social service. This recognition has increased my sense of responsibility. It will undoubtedly inspire more individuals to engage in social service."
– Harish Jodidar, Philanthropist, H K Foundation

"I believe that everyone is an achiever in their respective fields. It is truly memorable that my work has been recognized among many achievers. This award has motivated me to work more in the public domain and extend assistance to more people."
– Dr. BR Harish Naik, KAS Officer at BDA

"I am pleased to learn that the ancient practice of acupuncture has been acknowledged and recognized. I consider this award not just a personal achievement but recognition for the entire sector that I represent."
– Dr. Kadyada Arun & Dr. Kadyada Shravya Arun, Ancient & Contemporary Acupuncturists, Bhadram Nature's Clinic

"It is heartening to know that Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka have acknowledged my work. There are many more achievers in our society, and I am confident that both newspapers will continue to recognize and honor these achievers."
– KV Rajendra Kumar, Immediate Past Corporator, BBMP, Nandini Layout

"My goal is to excel in social service, and I am elated that my work through 'Namma Kuteera' has been recognized. I believe that this award can inspire many women to rise in life. It has also motivated me to do more for women's empowerment."
– Kanthi Shetty, Founder Trustee of Namma Kuteera and ex-member of Karnataka Tulu Sahitya Academy

"It is an honor to know that Karnataka's most read newspaper, Vijay Karnataka, and Bangalore's youth-friendly newspaper, Bangalore Mirror, have recognized my work. Society expects more from me, and our efforts are being closely observed."
– Nadoja Wooday P Krishna, General Secretary of Seshadripuram Educational Trust

"Achievers work without expecting rewards. In times like these, it's heartening that two prominent newspapers have recognized my work and this is a great recognition."
– Sanketh K Shetty, Principal, VIP High School & PU college

"Even though we have been in the educational field for a long time, recognition was hard to come by. I am grateful to Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka for recognizing our work, and this recognition is truly inspiring."
– Suma Ashok Meti, Founder & Chairman of Bharateeya Educational & Charitable Trust (R)

"I express my gratitude to BM and VK for recognizing my work in assisting women in delivering babies through IVF. This award serves as an inspiration for me to continue doing better work in life."
– Dr. Sneha Shetty, Clinical Director & Chief Fertility Specialist at Vriksh Fertility

"It is heartening to see BM and VK honoring individuals from various sectors. Such recognition will inspire many more people to achieve greater heights in life. This is undoubtedly an inspiring initiative."
– Vishwanath, Co-Founder & Managing Director of India Sweet House

"This program is commendable. It's very well-organized, and it correctly identifies deserving recipients for the award. I hope the newspaper continues its valuable social work in the future."
– Priyanka Jain, Founder & CEO Vaibhav Group

"This program was organised very well. Our society is filled with numerous achievers, each with their unique contributions. Recognising achievers and acknowledging their accomplishments is a noble endeavour. I hope they continue to identify more unsung achievers in years to come."
– Suseela Santhosh, Director Vishwa Vidyapeeth Group of Schools

"I engage in social service without seeking recognition. However, today, I'm delighted that Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka has acknowledged my efforts in social service by honouring me with this prestigious award."
–Gaffar Baig, Managing Director, Land Point properties

"While many small organisations present awards, receiving recognition from Bangalore Mirror and Vijaya Karnataka holds special significance. This award has inspired me to contribute more to educational initiatives."
– Lokesh Talikatte, Chairman, Recognised Unaided Pvt Schools Association (RUPSA)

"For nearly a decade, I've dedicated myself to providing affordable housing to the disadvantaged and middle class. Receiving this award, especially for my social service involvement, is truly gratifying."
–H. Yogesh, Managing Director, Om Sri Infrastructure

"Acknowledging and rewarding individuals who have worked diligently and passionately enhances our sense of responsibility. It also motivates us to accomplish more. I'm truly delighted to receive this prestigious award."
– Dr. Vishwa Cariappa Founder Chairman & Managing Director San Group of companies

"I'm proud to be one among the million entrepreneurs in Bengaluru. This recognition serves as motivation to further my service and achievements. Thanks to Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka for acknowledging me and my work."
– Abhishek T Raju, Managing Director, Neralu Engineers and Contractors.

From the rustic roots of a village, I embarked on a diverse journey spanning numerous sectors, dedicating a decade to forging my path towards social recognition. Along this remarkable journey, I also founded a company which is providing jobs to many. This honour, recognising the culmination of my efforts, fills both my heart and my family's with immense pride. It serves as a testament that dreams are indeed attainable, but the key lies in unwavering dedication and hard work to transform those dreams into a vibrant reality."
– Dr. Divya Rangenahalli, CEO & Founder, Media Connect & Poll House

"Receiving this award brings both joy and a heightened sense of responsibility. It motivates us to contribute more to society. There are still many dedicated individuals working tirelessly, and it's the newspaper's role to identify them in future."
– H. Raju Gowda Founder & Managing Director Ecoplanet Elevators and Escalators

"I hail from a rural background with not much recognition and today I am honoured with this prestigious award. It brings happiness but also a greater responsibility. I aim to expand my business and create employment opportunities for more young people."
– M. MS Mahadevappa, Proprietor Venkateshwara Fine Chem Laboratories

"In the field of dentistry, we have successfully treated numerous individuals with affordable services. Being recognised and awarded is a matter of pride. It's motivating and encourages further contributions."
-Dr. Niranjan C. Paramashetty & Dr. Bhagyalaxmi, Founder and Managing Director, KDC Dental Care & Implant Centre

"Family and mentors played a significant role in my journey from a rural area to recognition in a big city like Benglauru. I'm proud to be in the position of an achiever and this increases my social responsibility which I will surely continue to do."
– C.S. Venugopal, Managing Director Design Heights

"Being recognised for our work and service is immensely gratifying. Bangalore Mirror & Vijaya Karnataka has not only honoured us but also increased our sense of responsibility. We will take steps toward further contributions."
– Raghavendra Kunder, Associate Vice-President, Andromeda Sales & Distribution Pvt Ltd

"Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka's efforts to recognise the service, hard work, and achievements of individuals like me are quite meaningful. Receiving this award has brought happiness. I thank my family for motivating and supporting my work. Let the endeavor to identify achievers continue."
– H.B. Ramesh Babu, Founder & Owner Sai Home Interior and Exterior

Govt job quota for mud wrestlers

| Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesgroup.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Good news for mud wrestlers in Karnataka. Bharatiya Shyli Karnataka Kusthi Sangha, a new mud wrestling federation, has been formed in Karnataka. The federation has been recognised by the Indian Style Wrestling Association of India, which means that mud wrestlers in Karnataka will now be eligible for the three per cent reservation quota for sportspersons in government jobs.

M Rudresh has been elected as the honorary president and B Veeranna as the president of Bharatiya Shyli Karnataka Kusthi Sangha.

"There are many mud wrestlers in Karnataka. All these years, they did not get any benefit from the state government. With the recognition from the Indian Style Wrestling Association of India, the mud wrestlers in Karnataka who won medals in mud wrestling competitions will be eligible to apply for jobs under the three per cent reservation in government jobs for sports persons," said K N Vijayakumar, general secretary of Bharathiya Shyli Karnataka Kusthi Sangha.

Suresh Chandra from Mangaluru has been appointed as the senior vice president, K N Vijayakumar from Ramanagara as the general secretary, and Amruth Puruhit from Mysore as the working president.

Makeshift fence for Basavanapura Lake

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Lake activist Balaji Raghotham told BM, "The fence has been broken and we have been flagging the issue for the past two years. We have been planting saplings since 2019 but they keep disappearing. The fence is broken at the southeast, south-west and north sides. Officials keep saying that the fence will be fixed within a week but it has been going on for two years. We have been placing thorns and scrap wire to cover the area."

Raghotham said that currently, there are around 500 saplings and they have lost at least 200 over the years. "Some full-grown trees were also uprooted due to an unplanned diversion channel. The contractor promised to plant the trees again but they have failed to do so," he said.

Fence broken and remain unrepaired for last two years

Lake activists suspect that the work is getting delayed as the contractors are not getting paid their dues and are facing a shortage of funds to carry out the exercise. They add that a broken fence is also making the lake susceptible to security risks and the premises are being used by anti-social elements.

Basavanapura Lake is located in KR Puram and is spread over 14.13 acres. The lake was rejuvenated by BBMP nearly four years ago at the cost of Rs 5 crore.

"We had issued a work order for the repair one before elections. The contractor is yet to start the work on this lake. Contractors have been assigned work for many lakes and repair work for this lake also will be undertaken. The delay could be due to the contractor working on other lakes," said a senior BBMP official from the Lakes Department.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Whose idea was it?

The Gruha Jyothi scheme has been a topic of debate, with many wondering whose idea it was to use a one-year average for providing free power bills. Energy Minister K J George revealed that it was Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's idea. He explained, "Initially, when we calculated the power consumption, the average was 53 units, and that was the initial plan. However, the CM suggested that we consider an average consumption over one year. Some officials proposed using the average of the first three months, but the CM led the decision to opt for a one-year average."

Target fake news

The state government is planning to address the issue of fake news. When asked about this controversial move, IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge stated, "As of January 2023, India has approximately 600 million active internet users, with a significant portion on social media. Given this widespread use, the government and its agencies need to monitor the information being circulated on social media. We don't aim to control or regulate public or media narratives, but when information, whether right or wrong, is widely disseminated on public platforms, we need to ensure its accuracy for informed decision-making."

Faux pas

In a recent interaction with the media, Agriculture Minister N Cheluvarayaswamy found himself in an inadvertent slip of the tongue. While critiquing the BJP and JDS parties for forming an alliance, he unintentionally mentioned that both the Congress and JDS had lost their identity. His colleagues immediately pointed out the error, clarifying that he should have referred to the BJP instead of the Congress. Minister Cheluvarayaswamy promptly corrected his statement.

Home Minister Parameshwara's unusual outburst

Known for his cool demeanour in politics, Home Minister G Parameshwara recently displayed a rare moment of frustration while advocating for the bifurcation of the Tumakuru district. During a meeting, he proposed the creation of a new district centred around Madhugiri. However, fellow Tumakuru district MLAs, including HD Ranganath from Kunigal and K Shadakashari from Tiptur, openly opposed the idea. Parameshwara had to raise his voice to quell the dissent, but whether the district will be divided remains uncertain.

Late night meeting

Questions arose when Home Minister G Parameshwar's recent late-night meeting with Congress MLC BK Hariprasad was scrutinised, particularly on Hariprasad's prior criticisms of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. In response, Parameshwar clarified, "Internal discussions among members of our party are not uncommon. However, the details of such discussions are typically not disclosed publicly."

Media access at Bilgi sports meet

A local sports meet was organised at Bilgi in Bagalkot taluk, but initially, the media was denied access. MLA J T Patil intervened, insisting that the media be invited. Only after the journalists arrived did the MLA officially inaugurate the event, highlighting the importance of media coverage in local sports initiatives.

-Sridhar Vivan

Your Connect

TO BOOK YOUR TIMES INTERACT ADS
Stay safe. Stay home.
Call/mail us for contact-less ad booking. To book your Times Interact ads
Call 080-23338111
All digital payment solutions available

education

MEDICAL COURSES

MEDICAL CODING SCRIBING JOBS @ IT PARKS
SALARY UPTO ₹ 50K/MONTH (AFTER TRAINING)
QUALIFICATION : GRADUATES
TRANSORZE
Call : 8281114446
www.transorze.com | www.transorze.org

jobs

SITUATION VACANT

MARKETING, ADVERTISING & SALES

MARKETING

Wanted for Tork Motors Electric bike Showroom at Jayanagar Manager, Sales & Feld Executive. with Automobile Exp. Call: 7760272827

OTHER VACANCIES

PART TIME JOBS

SOMYA Telecom Company Earn 25000-40000 monthly M/F all India Part Time Job available surely work from home. M. 7417290358, 8057164530

real estate

BANGALORE PROPERTIES

HENNUR

2&3 BHK Apartment Nr Biozeen Hennur Main Road 52.9L* good facilities & location A Khatha, Vastu, Gym, Jogging track, Play area. Ct: 9632296279.

HSR LAYOUT

HSR Sale 30x40 Site, East@ Sect-2 & 20x30 with 5 floors Building for Sale @ Sect-3.Rental income 1.4 lakh per month Call: 9606308863

JAYANAGAR

SUPERIOR quality 3BHK ready2move flats for sale near South- End circle, Khazi street.1495 & 1505 sqft Rs. 1.29 Cr + Reg. 9739702982, 9739703182

JP NAGAR

FOR Sale JPN 7th Phase, Near Brigade Millennium, 3BHK flat E/F BOB Colony-73.5L, 2BHK n/f 65l,SOBHA TULIP 3bhk w/f Jpn 5th phase-1.95cr: 9632799425

2BHK Flat (penthouse) for SALE with private deck space in JP Nagar, Near 24th main, Nandhini Hotel. Rs.69lacs+Reg. PH : 9739703182, 9739702982

OMBR LAYOUT

2-BHK Flat, Ready to Move as per Vaastu, Gym with basic amenities all Inclusive 53.9L near Sky line Apartments OMBR Layout Call: 9632296279.

PADMANABHA NAGAR

HIGH-END quality & Vaastu compliant 3BHK flats for sale.Opp Kadirenahalli petrol pump.Ready2move. Rs.76 & 77 lks+Reg 9739703182,9739702982.

OUTSIDE BANGALORE

MYSORE

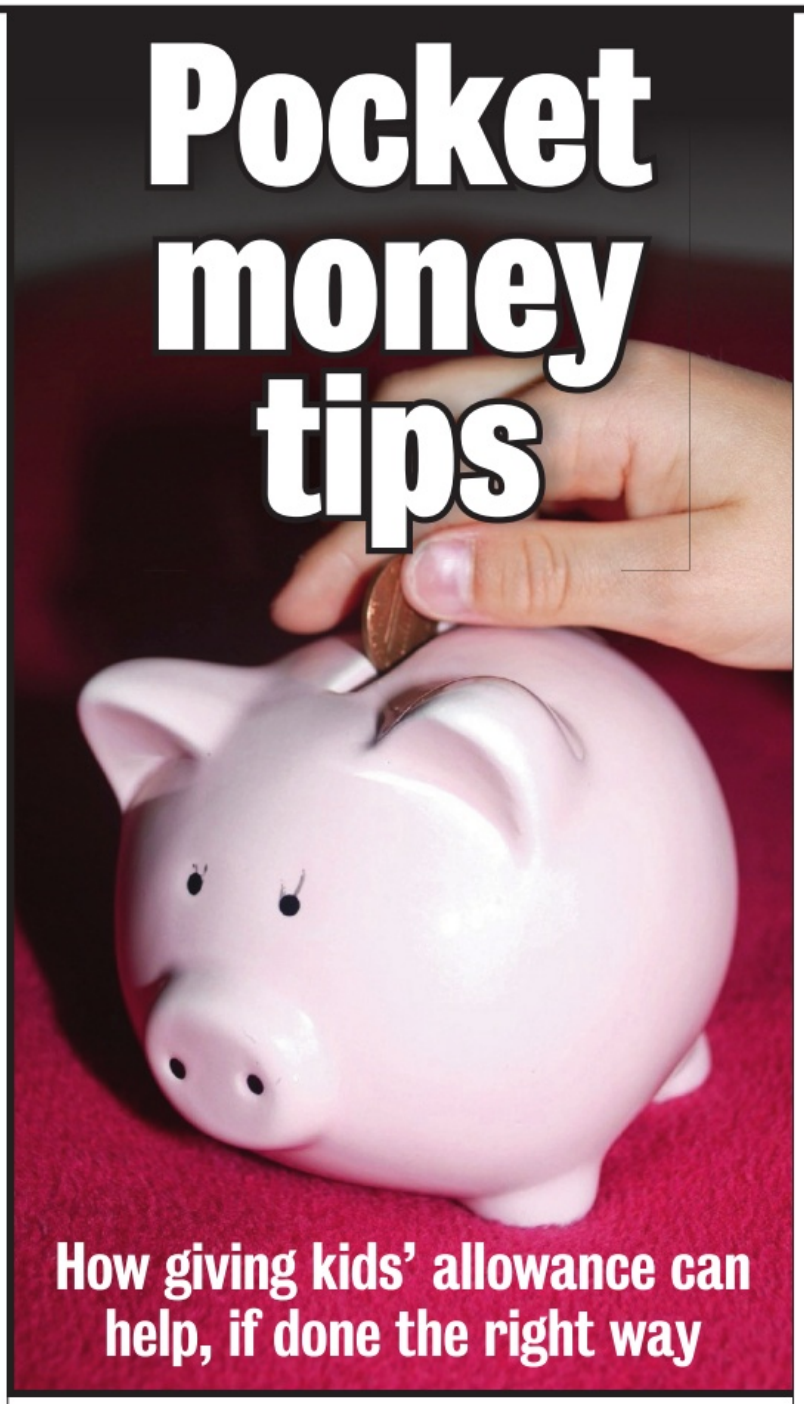
SITES @ Mysore DTCP 'A'Khata, RERA Rs.2180/ sft. 90%Loan, Immd Reg, off Hunsur Rd, 5Min: NH yelwala Bus-stand,10min Infosys,vijaya ngr,15min Palace/Railway Station. GSS: www.gssprojects.in 9845287802 / 8050001571.

THE TIMES GROUP
Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquires and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. The Times Of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor, and Owners of The Times Of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

HEALTH TIP: Bitter gourd, which is high in bone-building nutrients like magnesium, calcium, and phosphorus, helps to improve overall bone health

Garlic is packed with powerful antioxidants which work like shields, protecting your cells from damage caused by harmful substances in your body

Pocket money tips



How giving kids' allowance can help, if done the right way

Instead of setting an allowance, many parents decide to give money on demand to their children. When figuring out if that's a good option, we need to be aware that the key is not so much in giving or not giving an allowance, but in how you do so.

Giving our children some money each week is an excellent way for them to learn to consume responsibly and to save. To achieve that, the money we give them must be accompanied by a little teaching.

A study carried out in the Netherlands found that people who had been given an allowance and taught how to manage money as children saved between 16 per cent and 30 per cent more in their adult life.

In that same study, it was also found that giving an allowance without that educational component did not improve savings in adulthood.

We must try to meet three conditions:

- We should give enough money so that our children can purchase something.
- We should advise our children on purchases and savings.
- We should monitor where our children spend their money.

It is of little use to preach about the importance of money and the effort required for us as adults to get it if we do not give our children the chance to manage it.

Spending all of their allowance on candy in one afternoon and not having anything for the next day helps them to figure out what's really important and what's not.

Only in this way do they have the chance to learn about the importance of putting away money and to develop the all-important concept of delayed gratification, the mechanism which allows mature humans to control impulses (to be able to resist immediate gratification in exchange for greater gratification in the future).

Conversely, giving our children money without supervision can be counterproductive.

Some studies have found that children who receive unsupervised allowances are at greater risk of drug use, acting as bullies, and being overweight. But be careful:

Supervising and monitoring does not mean reprimanding.

Comments like "of course, since you always waste your money, now you don't have anything left… if you keep this up, you'll never have anything" do not help.

Wasting all of one's allowance on chewing gum may be a mistake, but we learn from making mistakes. Allowing them to make mistakes if those mistakes don't have serious consequences is a way of promoting autonomy in our children.

A more useful approach is to be encouraging and to help them plan their savings in the future.

Age and the appropriate amount

Before primary school, it is not very effective to give an allowance; however, we can still help the littlest ones to develop the concept of money. For example, through shop-type games.

In these games, we can play different roles. "Today, we have money so we can buy things." Or, "Today we don't have so much money, so we can't buy so many things." With this type of activity, we promote the concept of "for me, for you, and for later."

An appropriate time to start considering giving an allowance is when children acquire the concepts of addition and subtraction, usually around the age of seven.

For initial allowance payments, we can ask them to spend only half and save the rest in a piggy bank.

This will help them to see that by saving, they will be able to purchase more expensive things later. A weekly amount is better than a monthly one at these ages.

> **Ultimately, the experiences we have with money in childhood influence the relationship we have with money in adulthood**

The amount you give them depends on their maturity, the expenses for which the allowance is intended, and of course the family's financial possibilities.

In a study, it was observed that families with more limited financial resources place greater importance on their children adopting good consumption habits.

In addition, according to that same study, these families tend to provide better lessons on how to save.

Thus, the amount is not as important as the teachings that go along with the allowance.

Conditions for an allowance

The idea is for children to be aware that we as parents are going to cover their basic needs and that their allowance is for them to pay for little "extras".

The amount of money usually increases as the child gets older and takes on more responsibilities.

Teenagers who are mature enough may have an allowance to cover their leisure expenses. Entertainment, travel, and some clothing can be paid for by them.

Of course, we can set limits. For example, family money should not be spent on cigarettes or other harmful activities.

It is important to avoid lending money if we anticipate that they will not be able to return it.

This makes it difficult for them to value money and may lead to conflicts.

It may be more advisable to give them the money if we think it's a relevant expense, or to just say "no" from the start if we think they shouldn't spend on a certain item.

We must always remember that we are the adults. Therefore, we are responsible for setting limits and guiding them towards responsible consumption habits.

Paid housework? May not be a good idea

Although this is a controversial issue, the existing evidence suggests that giving an allowance in exchange for household chores is not a good option.

In an observational study carried out with families in the United States, it was found that giving children money for household chores was not an effective incentive for them to actually do the chores.

The children who received money for helping out at home did not do more chores than those who received no money.

What's more, the girls and boys who contributed around the house without receiving money in exchange for their work associated household chores with values such as duty and reciprocity.

However, some families offer their children tasks that are not part of the family's typical chores (for example, washing the car) to earn extra money.

This type of work could help build their autonomy and ability to save. However, there is not enough research to be able to say so with certainty.

Our relationship with money

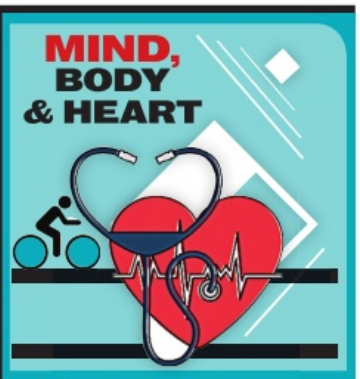
Thus, ultimately, the experiences we have with money in childhood influence the relationship we have with money in adulthood.

Giving an allowance to our children is the best option, as long as it is accompanied by teaching and supervision. The amount is best based on expenses, and we should help them to save part of what they get.

Lastly, we must not forget to make them see that most of the important things in life have nothing to do with money.

If we go about our daily life with values like duty and empathy, it is more likely that they will too. Showing gratitude by giving them a hug or a smile when we see that the table is set when we get home is more valuable than a little money.

(By Mónica Rodríguez Enríquez, Universidade de Vigo, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Sleep apnea & heart

CPAP machine helps
According to a study, patients with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) can lower their risk of dying from cardiovascular disease by sleeping with a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine.

Weariness due to snoring
People with OSA snore frequently, their breathing stops and starts throughout the night, and they may wake up several times. This can cause weariness by reducing the amount of oxygen in the blood. It can also increase your chances of developing hypertension, stroke, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes.

What the machine does
CPAP machines are provided to people with OSA to help them sleep better.
During the night, they blow air through a face mask to keep the user's airways open. However, research on the impact of CPAP on cardiovascular disease has shown contradictory results.

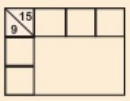
Heart disease
The heart disease study was presented by Dr Jordi de Batlle of the Institut de Recerca Biomèdica de Lleida (IRBLleida) in Lleida, Spain. He and his colleagues identified all 3,638 OSA patients in Catalonia who had elected to stop using CPAP in 2011. They compared these to 3,638 OSA patients who used CPAP until at least 2015 or until they died.

Save your heart
OSA is an extremely common disease, with consequences for people's daytime functioning and the health of their hearts, blood vessels and metabolism.
One of the treatment options is CPAP, and the more the patients use CPAP every night, the greater the reduction in cardiovascular illness and death. Therefore, there is a need for individualised treatment plans, patient engagement, educational activities and close treatment follow-up in order to increase adherence to long-term treatmen. —ANI

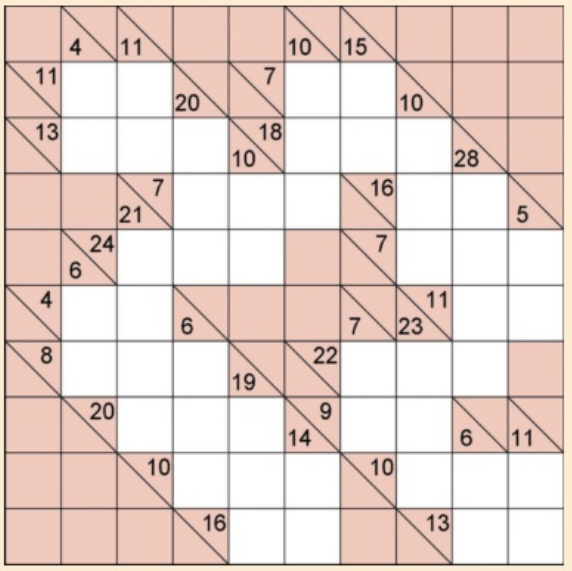
mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/theBangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

Kakuro

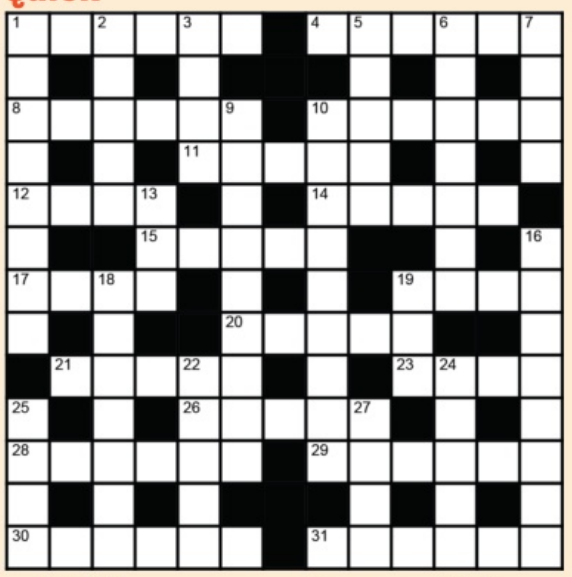
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

1 Justification (6)
4 Karnataka tourist destination known for its sculptures and red sandstone cliffs (6)
8 Kickbacks (6)
10 Former Zimbabwe President Robert ____ (6)
11 Seat without a back (5)
12 Sharp taste (4)
14 Speak or say (5)
15 Towns with harbours (5)
17 Unfortunately (4)
19 Ridge over the eyes (4)
20 Egg shapes (5)
21 A medicinal plant–"Anne's" change? (5)
23 Purse lips sulkily (4)
26 Right, straight or correct as a prefix–"hot or" anagram? (5)
28 A procedure or system (6)
29 Improve in quality (6)
30 Most bashful or most timid (6)
31 Nicosia is its capital (6)

DOWN

1 Disproof (8)
2 Set in rows (5)
3 Lyric poems (4)
5 Mature person (5)
6 Unpaid player (7)
7 ___ it : I understand this (1,3)
9 Right nautically (9)
10 Facial hair (9)
13 Navigational system in short (3)
16 Electric toggles (8)
18 Vigilantly (7)
19 Mayawati's party (3)
22 Secluded corners (5)
24 Willow tree (5)
25 Australian birds (4)
27 Just (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS P

FKLVGSHGFUF SPL KLXKHL ATX SHASDF PLKLSU UTL FSJL JGFUSOLF.

Linemaro

I am jealous of the websites you visit

Mindchow

Long walks are good, especially when they are taken by people who annoy you

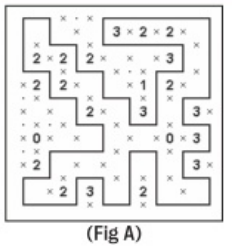
Joke of the day

All right, everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height

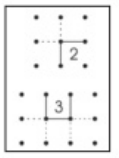
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

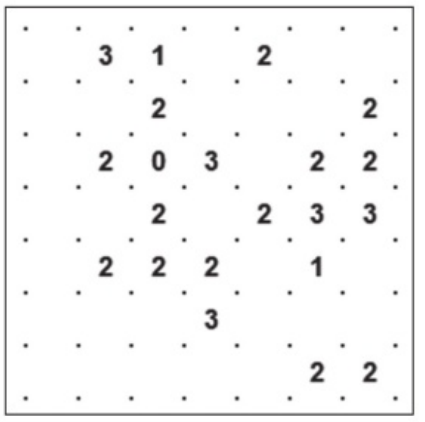


(Fig B) Not Allowed

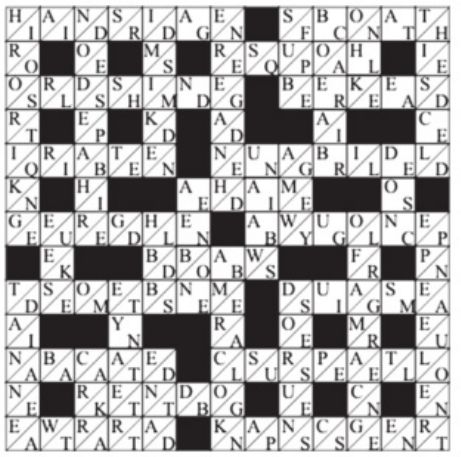
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8	G			
9				

ACROSS

1 A doll; 6 V Lara; 7 No rig; 8 Genoa; 9 Slope

DOWN

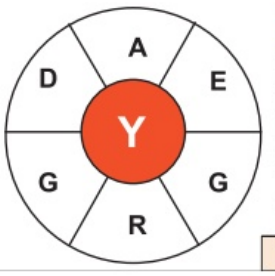
1 A gall; 2 Or gal; 3 Do Pro; 4 Envoi; 5 Elans

Mensapuzzle

Which letter is midway between the letter two letters below the letter immediately to the left of the letter G, and the letter three letters above the letter immediately to the right of the letter V?

A	B	C	D	E	
F	G	H	I	J	
K	L	M	N	O	
P	Q	R	S	T	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

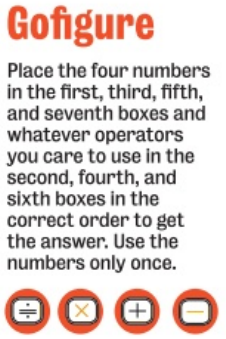
SudokuChallenge

				2	3			1
1		3			4	6		2
4		2	6					
		6	7	9				
		4				5		
				4	2	3		
					6	9		3
6		9	4			7		5
2			5	8				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

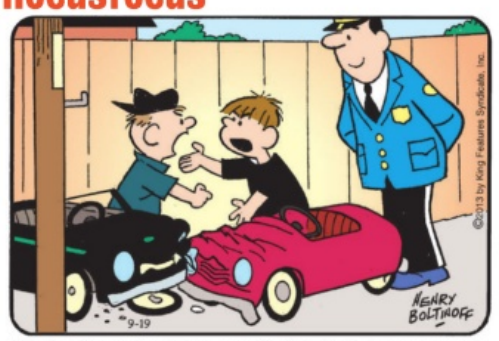


Easy = 12
6 6 8 8

Medium = 30
3 5 6 7

Hard = 36
2 6 7 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Wheel is missing 2. Stripe is added to car 3. Mouth is different 4. Stripe on pants is missing 5. Button is missing. 6. Telephone pole is wider

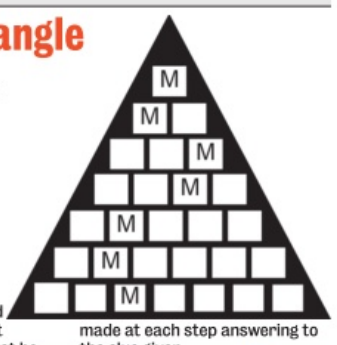
Riddler

Fill in the blanks with the same 4 letters to make 5 different words.

A ____ old woman on ____ bent, picked up her ____ and away she went. "____ my son" she was heard to say, "what shall we do to ____ today?"

Alpha triangle

1 One thousand
2 Personal pronoun
3 Shade tree
4 Shade of green
5 Look happy
6 Online missives
7 Without purpose



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

THERE'S NO MOSS GROWING ON YOUR NORTH SIDE
9-20
TREES ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE MOSS GROWING ON THEIR NORTH SIDE
MAYBE I SHOULD BE TAKING HORMONE SHOTS OR SOMETHING

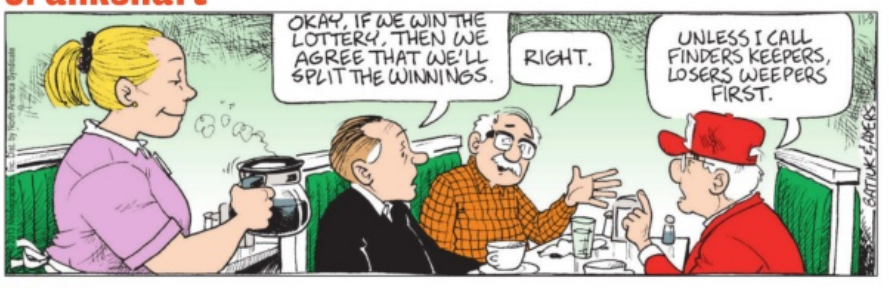
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

OK, KID... I'M LOOKING FOR A NEW SIDEKICK... WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS?
I'M SORRY... SOMEBODY TOLD ME THERE WAS FREE COOKIES OVER HERE?
SORT OF DOPEY,... I LIKE THAT.
www.gocomics.com

Crankshaft


OKAY, IF WE WIN THE LOTTERY, THEN WE AGREE THAT WE'LL SPLIT THE WINNINGS.
RIGHT.
UNLESS I CALL FINDERS KEEPERS, LOSERS WEEPERS FIRST.

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you have been in a good mood since morning, which may make you romantic. You are advised to do some exercise to overcome your back pain. You may make some fruitful plans, which may be helpful in the near future regarding your profession. You may likely hear good news from your kids. Students may do better. Love birds can make some important decisions in terms of marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may meet old friends or be busy with social get-togethers. You may be more excited today. Innovations may be there in terms of business. Also, it may have some unexpected material gains. Kids may give good news in terms of studies. Love birds may enjoy their quality moments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are advised to control expenditures over worthless stuff. Otherwise, it may affect your savings. You are advised to avoid lending money. Anxiety may give you sleeplessness, so control your mind while making important decisions. You are advised not to go away from your responsibilities. You are advised to be practical today. You should avoid making emotional decisions.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may expect some smart gains from your past investments. You may achieve your goals with less effort, which makes you confident. You are advised to control your straightforwardness; it may likely affect your terms with the people around you.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your investments may give you profits, which may enhance your savings. You may get good profits in small investments. On the domestic front, your family may support you to maintain harmony. You may also be in the winning position from opponents and hidden enemies. You may get promotions or have a job change, which may increase professional stability.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may expect instant gains in your business, which may boost your confidence level and bank balance. It is advised to avoid stress in domestic life. There would be some momentum on the business and work front. Your prestige may be increased. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, students may expect positive results in their studies after in-depth research. Singles may expect to find a soul match. You and your spouse may have a good understanding, which will reflect on your domestic life. Spiritually, you may have some direction in terms of knowledge. In business, you may make some new plans to overcome workflow issues.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, things would not be favourable. You may feel dull and unhappy. Some mysterious fear may make you upset. The occult may likely attract you. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may affect your work. It is avoid rush driving and risky adventure tours.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you can make a balance between your earnings and expenses, which may boost your bank balance. You may likely perform better in your job. Your boss can give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may get back your money which was stuck. You may be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies.

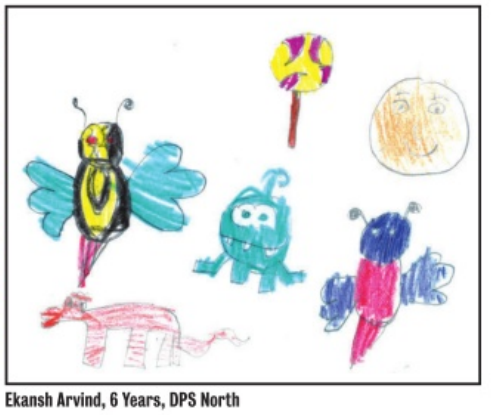
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel negative vibrations around you, which may make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid making investments in worthless assets. You may also notice that your friends and people around you may not be supportive today. You are advised not to expect more from anyone regarding help; otherwise, it may make you nervous. It is advised to make independent decisions today.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may not be able to present yourself logically. You may have a dull feeling, which may give you a lack of confidence. So, you need to follow your intuition while making decisions in terms of investment. People around you may not be cooperative in terms of routine work. You are advised to eat unhealthy food carefully to avoid stomach issues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are likely to be more excited due to the cooperation of your family and friends. You may want to renovate your house or bring some souvenir stuff to maintain your standard, which may increase your social status. You may expect an increase in your fixed assets.

KIDZONE

P Rishika, 13 Years, Indiranagar Cambridge School



Ekansh Arvind, 6 Years, DPS North

Kidzone, Bangalore Mirror, No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011;
Please send hard copies of your artwork in A4 size only.

SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 3[4(9)-24.2)]+81
= 3[36-48]+81
= 3[-12]+81
= -36+81
= 45

BULL'S EYE
dray, dyer, edgy, ready, yard, year

STRIKE OUT

H	A	D	R	I	A	N		S	C	O	T	T		
O	E	M		E	O	U	A	L		I				
O	R	S	H	I	N	E		B	R	E	A	D		
T	P	D		D		I				E				
I	R	A	T	E		E	N	A	B	L	E	D		
		N		I		A	D	A	M		O			
G	U	R	G	L	E		B	Y	G	O	N	E		
	K		B	O	B	S		F			P			
D	E	M	E	S	N	E		S	I	G	M	A		
			S	E	N	N	A		C		P	O	U	T
L		L		O	V	A	L	S			I			
A	L	A	S		B		T		B	R	O	W		
	T		P	O	R	T	S			U		S		
T	A	N	G		A		U	T	T	E	R			
U		G		S	T	O	O	L		T		T		
E		L		D		D		M		G				
B	R	I	B	E	S		M	U	G	A	B	E		
R	E	A	S	O	N		B	A	D	A	M	I		

FAST FIVE

A	L	D	O	L
	L	A	R	V	A
	G	R	O	I	N
	A	G	O	N	E
	L	O	P	E	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Specialists are people who always repeat the same mistakes.

QUICK
vile, evil, levi, live A vile old woman on evil bent, picked up her veil and away she went. "Levi my son" she was heard to say, "what shall we do to live today?"

MENSA PUZZLE
L.

SUDOKU

2	3	7	5	8	9	1	6	4
6	8	9	4	3	1	7	2	5
5	4	1	2	7	6	9	8	3
8	7	5	1	4	2	3	9	6
9	2	4	3	6	8	5	1	7
3	1	6	7	9	5	2	4	8
4	5	2	6	1	7	8	3	9
1	9	3	8	5	4	6	7	2
7	6	8	9	2	3	4	5	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Me, Elm, Lime, Smile, Emails, Aimless.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 6 + 8 − 8 = 12
Medium
3 x 6 + 5 + 7 = 30
Hard
2 + 7 − 3 x 6 = 36

LOOP

KAKURO

Volume No 16, Issue No 63 RNI NO:KARENG/2007/21142 Published for the Proprietors, Metropolitan Media Company Ltd by R.J. Prakashan at No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011 and printed by him at Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd., The Times of India Press, No. 9/10/11-A, 4th Main, KIADB Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560 099 (Phones : Press : 080-22899999; Editorial : 080-40877666, Fax – 40877545, Registered Office: No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru - 560 011, Email : mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com Editor : Ms. Seena Menon - responsible for selection of news under PRB Act. © Reproduction in whole or in part without the written permission of the Publisher is prohibited.

Sara's Sunday fun

Actress Sara Ali Khan on Sunday shared her "sun-filled thoughts" during the golden hour at the beach.

Sara took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a picture at the beach.

In the images, a silhouette of Sara can be seen as she walks towards the water with the Sun shining bright adding a golden hue to the water.

She captioned the image: "Mentally here... Sunday sun-filled thoughts." The actress also added the song 'Laado' by rapper MC Square for the picture.

On the work front, Sara will be seen playing a freedom fighter in 'Ae Watan Mere Watan', directed by Kannan Iyer. It is said to be a thriller-drama inspired by true events. She then has Anurag Basu's 'Metro... In Dino'.

Sara will also be seen in 'Murder Mubarak'. The film also stars Dimple Kapadia, Pankaj Tripathi, Karisma Kapoor, Vijay Varma, Sanjay Kapoor, Tisca Chopra and others. It is produced by Dinesh Vijan. It is Homi Adajania's first film after his 2020 film Angrezi Medium. **–IANS**

Global, but desi

Deepika reveals she is comfortable breaking into the Western market on her own terms

Actress Deepika Padukone, who made her Hollywood debut with 'xXx: Return of Xander Cage' with Vin Diesel, admits her journey has been slower than expected, but she wants to work on her own terms.

In an interview with The Week, Deepika shared that in an attempt to break into the Western market, she wouldn't want to abandon her own culture and identity. Elaborating further, the 'Jawan' actress added that she will not abandon her own culture and identity for global ambitions. According to her, it is fascinating and strange at the same time to think that we were almost apologetic about who we are and where we came from. The actress further added that she has always overcompensated because of this. Deepika added that she doesn't feel the need to move to another country or speak the way they speak in order to be accepted. Interestingly, in 2021, Deepika announced her second Hollywood venture, a 'cross-cultural romantic comedy' that she'd also produce. No updates have emerged about the project since.

Apart from this, Deepika currently has some of the biggest movies in her kitty, ranging from Fighter with Hrithik Roshan and Anil Kapoor, to Singham Again with Ajay Devgn. She will also be seen in Kalki 2898 AD with Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan.

–ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Song released

The first song of the much-publicised movie Somu Sound Engineer was released recently. The song – Ooralli Erra Birri Silentaagi Sound Maadthavne – is sung by Swaroop Khan, written by Dhananjay Ranjan and Charan Raj has scored music. Somu Sound Engineer is made by technicians who have worked for Kannada movies Tagaru and Salaga and is yet another to be based on North Karnataka culture and traditions.

"It is my maiden movie as a director. I want to narrate the lifestyle of North Karnataka. Its shoot was held at Ganjyal and Kudala Sangama in the region. Even a majority of its actors are from North Karnataka. Post-production work is in progress. We have released the title song of this movie and will release one more song shortly," said director Abhi.

Abhi has worked as an associate director for the movies Kaddipudi, Kenda Sampige, Doddamane Huduga, and Tagaru that are directed by Duniya Suri.

Shreshta plays the lead while Sruthi Patil is paired with him.

Multiple roles

Music director Aaron Karthik Venkatesh has taken on multiple roles for upcoming film Parishuddam. Not only does he debut as a director in Sandalwood with Parishuddam, but he has written the script and lyrics for this movie that revolves around a husband and wife, and a mistress.

"I want to convey a message to society on the importance of marriage which is sacred and there should not be any scope for a third person either to interfere with the couple or have an affair. We have included commercial elements to entertain audiences," said the director.

Appreciating Sparsha Rekha for her performance, the director said she plays an important character in this movie. "Rekha's performance is on par with that of veteran late actress Kalpana. Among the songs, there is one English song. We sent it for the Grammy awards," he said.

Hello, fans

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan addressed his fans outside his house Mannat, on Sunday.

Several videos and photos of the actor quickly went viral on social media as he arrived to greet his admirers.

Fan page Srk universe shared a few of the videos and pictures in which Shah Rukh can be seen waving at the cheering crowd.

He donned a blue t-shirt paired with black trousers and completed his look with black shades.

Meanwhile, SRK's 'Jawan' has taken the box office by storm. It has become the fastest Hindi movie to cross the Rs 500 crore mark at the global box office. It took the film just four days to reach this milestone.

Post the success of the movie, the makers held a press conference in Mumbai on Friday. The event was attended by SRK, Deepika Padukone, Sanya Malhotra, Sunil Grover, and Atlee.

Sharing his excitement, Shah Rukh Khan said, "It's a celebration. We rarely get a chance to live with a film for years. The making of Jawan has been going on for four years due to Covid and time constraints. There were a lot of people involved in this film, especially people from the South who came and settled in Mumbai and have been living in Mumbai for the last four years and working day and night." **–ANI**

Priyanka calls marriage 'greatest joy' of her life

Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas is celebrating her marriage with American popstar husband Nick Jonas and has called him the greatest joy of her life.

Nick turned 31 on September 16, with his wife, 41, marking the occasion with a sweet tribute on Instagram.

She shared a series of photos, including a selfie, where she kissed her husband's cheek alongside a solo shot of Jonas playing golf with one of her doing the same.

The actress also shared a shot of the couple's daughter, Malti Marie. "Celebrating you is the greatest joy of my life," Chopra wrote of her husband. "You have pushed me in ways I didn't know was possible.. shown me peace like I have never known.. and loving like only you can.. I love you my birthday guy! I hope all your dreams always come true... Happy birthday baby."

Priyanka also tagged the post's location as "Heaven", indicating her happiness with marriage.

The actress also shared a photo from the band's Dodgers Stadium show in which she's wearing a cutout dress and staring sultrily at Jonas. "Incredible weekend," she wrote in the caption. The 'Jealous' singer shared the same photo on his Instagram, too, as he reflected on his excitement at performing at the L.A. venue.

"From seeing games with my brothers, to one of my first dates with @priyankachopra and now playing a show at Dodger Stadium..." **–IANS**